

CALL FOR PROPOSALS International Project Volunteers

Location: R&R Peace Centre in Bkarzla, Akkar Governorate, Lebanon

Duration: Projects may run at any time of the year, between a minimum of 2 and a maximum 6 weeks

Who we are:

Relief & Reconciliation International AISBL is a non-profit organisation based in Belgium that is combining peacebuilding with humanitarian help for those affected by the Syrian crisis. Our Lebanese branch started operations in 2013 with the opening of a first Peace Centre for the youth in Akkar, a region in the North of Lebanon next to the Syrian border. More than 150 international volunteers have lived and worked there so far, forming a small community of international solidarity and providing services especially in the field of education, psychosocial support and peacebuilding. Our international volunteers are assisting our local Lebanese and Syrian staff members in the implementation of our programme lines.

What we are looking for:

We call upon small groups or individuals to submit a project proposal for a specialised workshop or activity of two to four weeks to be implemented in the framework of our Lebanese branch, R&R Lebanon, and aimed at Syrian or Lebanese children or young adults. Such projects may include but are not limited to: recreational activities (sport tournaments, mountain trails, etc.), artistic workshops (photography, music, theatre, etc.) or skills training (IT, film, archaeology, etc.) Using the R&R Peace Centre as a base, projects will be supported in implementation by R&R staff and permanent volunteer assistants. R&R Lebanon will submit all proposals to those we serve to select and prepare the projects that fit best with the needs of those the activity is intended for, in line with R&R values and permanent programmes. Upon arrival, Project Volunteers will be provided with a briefing in security measures, child protection issues and interreligious sensitivity.

Conditions of eligibility:

- Experience working with children or adolescents,
- An interest in refugee issues and concerns, particularly with regard to the Syrian crisis,
- An interest in peacebuilding, interfaith dialogue and humanitarian aid,
- English/ French language skills required, Arabic highly desirable.

R&R International operates in sensitive regions of Lebanon, where there may be security concerns of varying severity. We therefore ask that volunteers demonstrate an awareness of their environmental and cultural surroundings. Volunteers are expected to follow the principles and rules established by our local branch. At the R&R Peace Centre, we are putting particular emphasis on the concept of hospitality and spiritual solidarity, which entail respect for each person's convictions or beliefs.

Selection procedure:

- Download and fill out the Project volunteers application form at www.reliefandreconciliation.org/volunteer-with-us and send it to the indicated email address.
- Shortlisted projects will then be invited for one or several Skype interviews to talk more about the proposed project and to coin out details pertaining to its implementation.
- Upon selection, Project Volunteers are expected to work under the authority of R&R Lebanon staff on the ground in order to prepare the implementation of the project in partnership.

Costs: Project Volunteers are expected to raise the funds for the implementation of their project, including their travel to and from Lebanon and their travel insurance. R&R will provide for basic accommodation and food at the R&R Peace Centre and may cover remaining funding gaps on a case-by-case basis.

Please do check our website and volunteer blog before submitting your proposal in order to gain a better understand of our methodology and work. Early applications are encouraged as places are limited.

Learn more about R&R at www.reliefandreconciliation.org and at www.facebook.com/relief4syria.